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Column One
By
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Rent Bills Pass To Committee

By Moise Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

THE tents have stood up well to the first storm, a report says. That's good. The children are still dry: a little wet about the feet; and every time it rains, in they must come until there is no room to move and hardly room enough to fight when tempers get on edge. The information officer of the Jewish Agency had a letter in this newspaper yesterday in which he pointed out how nice it was to give the children toys, but how much nicer it would be to give them a roof over their heads. He expects a lot of rain, all the winter through, and has good cause to; and one guesses from his letter that not enough of the lucky citizens of this country have answered the appeal to take in the immigrant children out of the wet. It is surprising, and hurtful to the good name of Israel, that that should be so.

Birthday Greeting To The President

A greeting to President Weizmann on his 76th birthday was conveyed by the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, when the House reassembled yesterday.

"I wish the President a long life and good health. May his term of office be a blessing to the State and to the nation," Mr. Sprinzak declared.

At his Rehovot residence, Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice, Mr. D. Reines, Minister of Education and Mr. R. Shitrit, Minister of Police, congratulated the President on behalf of the Government; Ambassador James McDonald on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps; Yigael Yadin and Abot Shmuel Mizrahi, on behalf of the Army.

Earlier, a special service was held in the President's Chamber on Mount Zion. A portion of the law was read from the scroll which Dr. Weizmann had presented a year ago.

Rokach Wins Ten Seats in Tel Aviv

THIS is a country of well-tended for children. In the settlements and educational villages the children are treated like little princes and princesses—Democracy's precious royalty: not spoiled; the spoiled ones are the children of middle class homes, who are petted, and indulged, tended as if in expectation of their parents' own restricted and often frightened childhood. But the children of the immigrants, if not to be counted as Democracy's royalty, are precious, too; and there, equally, is something to expiate, which is very recent and remembered. You only have to look at many of them to see how recent; and to say: There, but for the grace of God, goes my Yohanan, or Yitzhak, or Tamar, or whatever it may be. Their own parents are not in a state to do much of the expiating, what with the cooking that has to be done in a crowded tent, and the washing and mending and the keeping of everybody dry.

IT has needed an enormous effort to bring the new immigrants and their children here: a noble effort. On the whole, the people and institutions who have taken on the main responsibility have done wonderfully well. The meat rations in Israel might break down, shoe leather become hard to get, dollars run out, but regularly the ships have come in filled to the brim with returning exiles; and bit by bit you have seen them, exiles no more, in the fields, on the roads, mixing mortar, pedaling razor-blades—absorption of a kind; and not their fault, or the fault of government and other institutions which have brought them in, if it is not yet the best kind of absorption. And houses have gone up all over the place; but not enough: there can never be enough to keep pace with the rate of this remarkable and essential entry: so the tented camps remain, and the rain comes down, and the children huddle inside with their chilled and irritated elders, or get wet.

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Both sides also noted that "every possible step should be

M.A.C. CALLS FOR CLOSER BORDER CONTROL

A joint resolution on the Deir Ayoub incident of November 2 when two Arab children were killed in the no-man's-land was adopted at an emergency meeting yesterday of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem.

The resolution stated that taken by their authorities to all steps are being taken to prevent the occurrence of these and similar crimes, and reaffirm that their present goal is peace and an amicable settlement.

A Jordan suggestion that a sum of money be paid as compensation was ruled by the chairman as outside the M.A.C.'s scope. Israel reserved its right to put forward claims in compensation for crimes committed in Israel by persons operating from Jordan-controlled territory, when the final financial settlement was made between the two parties. The claims already ran into hundreds of thousands of pounds, the Israeli delegation declared.

It was emphasized that Jordan must bear a certain measure of responsibility for all such crimes.

At another Jordan proposal that orders be issued that infiltrators should not be fired upon was rejected by Israel. The murder, robbery, and damage committed by infiltrators must be met by the most effective manner, the delegation declared, but it must be borne in mind if the Jordan authorities took strong action to prevent their residents and irregulars from crossing the frontier line.

Three Israeli complaints on the side of Deir Ayoub by the Legion

and the Jordanian Police were accepted.

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Dramatic U.N. Entry Of Peking Delegates

LAKE SUCCESS, Monday (AP).—The Chinese Communists made a dramatically timed entrance into a United Nations body for the first time today.

The delegation appeared before the General Assembly's Political Committee for a debate on Formosa. They took their seats in the Committee room while M. Andrei Vishinsky was charging that the United States is transforming Formosa into a military base and clamping a naval blockade on the island.

The bills had been opposed on the grounds that they would discourage private building and conflict with the proposed addition to the Law for the Encouragement of Investment dealing with building. The vote after the first reading was a comfortable 43-13, but the bills will nevertheless have difficult passage. Some coalition supporters from the Mapai and Orthodox benches who actually voted to send the bills to Committee indicated that they would fight the legislation in the Committee. Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen himself said that he was submitting the bill after much thought.

Unlike the proposed amendments to the Patents and Designs Ordinance introduced last week, which were milder than the clauses of the Defense Regulations they are intended to replace, the rent restriction regulations introduced yesterday were in substance not different from the Defense Regulations. They provide:

1. Permits from the District Commissioner are needed for new buildings, repairs or extensions;

2. The renting of new dwellings before a Hents Tribunal fixes the monthly rent is a criminal offence;

3. Tenants may appeal for the reassessment of rents fixed by Tribunals;

4. Acceptance of bonuses or any other compensation for renting premises is a criminal offence.

Dead Letter.

The soldiers' votes assure an additional member to the General Zionist faction. The composition of the Municipal Council as officially announced, will be as follows: General Zionists 10; Histadrut 7; Herut 4; Mapam 3; Yeminite (linked with General Zionists) 1; Mizrahi 1; Agudat Israel 1; Hapoel Hamizrahi 1; Progressives 1; Communists 1; Landladies 1.

The unofficial totals were:

General Zionists, 42,287; Histadrut, 31,159; Herut, 18,713; Mapam, 13,252; Hapoel Hamizrahi, 8,357; Agudat Israel, 4,641; Progressives, 4,177; Communists, 3,687; Mizrahi, 3,463; Yeminite, 3,318; Householders, 2,882; Artisans, 1,010; Sephardim, 982.

Amongst the army voters, the Histadrut polled 35 per cent; Mapam, 14 and Herut, 13.

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VIRGINIA CIGARETTES

Social & Personal

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. F. Lubin, visited the offices of the Ministry yesterday and was introduced to the various department heads by the Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. H. Halperin.

The State Comptroller-General, Dr. S. Moses, left by El Al plane on Sunday on an inspection tour of the European Israel Legions. He is also expected to meet with foreign state-comptrollers and public experts.

Mr. Samuel Goldstein, Treasurer of Hias, and Mr. Isaac L. Aszkenasy, executive director of the Society in New York, have arrived in Israel on a two-week visit. Mr. David Wertheim, Israel director of Hias, accompanied them from the U.S.

The President of the Dante Alighieri Society, Tel Aviv Committee, Dr. Lisette Levi, returned from a tour of lectures in Switzerland and Italy. She spoke on Art in Israel.

Mr. Paul Klein, Archivist-Paleographer, will lecture on "The Bible and the French Literature of the Seventeenth Century" at 5.30 on Thursday evening at the Centre de Culture Francaise, 3 Ben Yehuda St., Jerusalem. M. Rene Neuville, French Consul-General, will preside.

An illustrated lecture on "Gardens in Israel" will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the Bet Haam in Jerusalem under the sponsorship of the Gardeners' Association.

Citrus Growers Warn Of Work Stoppage

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Farmers' Federation Agricultural Committee and the Citrus Marketing Cooperative, at a joint meeting in Tel Aviv today, threatened to stop the picking and packing of citrus if satisfactory negotiations on the payment of increased premiums were not concluded with the Government by Dec. 10.

The meeting expressed its disappointment at the position now taken by the Government which, it claimed, did not allow the sale of Israeli citrus abroad in competition with fruit from other countries.

Following a working arrangement between the British Mediterranean Centres and Shoham Ltd. regarding the transport of citrus fruit to the U.K. this season, the association left this morning with 50,000 cases of Jaffa oranges and grapefruit for Britain. The first shipment to be carried by an Israeli vessel on that route.

Nurses Decide On Warning Strike

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Nurses' Union today decided to hold a warning strike on Sunday in all hospitals except those of the Kupat Holim, in protest against the delay in the implementation of their demands. The nurses announced their intention to strike a month ago.

The nurses also decided to quit the Clerks' Trade Union of the Histadrut, to which they had been affiliated, and to form a separate union.

A.I.K. Team Leaves For Sweden Today

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The A.I.K. Swedish football team is leaving Israel by Sabena Airline tomorrow morning, after their match-winning tour of this country.

In a letter to the public before their departure, the team members expressed their happiness at having had the opportunity of visiting this "most interesting country" and their thanks to the Hapoel sports organization and to all those who made their trip possible.

Two Killed In Accidents

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Two fatal road accidents occurred here at Nazareth today. Bila Habib, 28, was instantly killed in Rehov Gaili this afternoon. The driver was detained.

A truck knocked down and killed Hadija Muhammad Usman, 80, as he hurried across the street in Nazareth. The driver, a resident of Tiberias, was freed on bail.

The Hebrew National OPERA

TEL AVIV: MARIMAN. Tonight, at 8.30. LA BOHEME with EDITH DE PHILIPPE. Conductor: G. SINGER.

NATHANIA: ESTHER. Wed. Nov. 29, 8.30 p.m. BARBER OF SEVILLE Conductor: G. SINGER. Tickets: Ballin, 67 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv and Esther Box Office, Nathanya.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 3

TEL AVIV: Obel Shem. Sat. Dec. 3, at 8.30 p.m. Works by Haydn, Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel. Sale of tickets at popular price. Tel. I.P.O. Office, 38 Allenby Road. 11-2-4-6.

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Report Would Legalize Key Money

THE outgoing Haifa Town Council decided a year ago to appoint a public commission to inquire into the reasons for the slow pace of building in the city and to propose remedies.

The Commission, composed of representatives of various groups connected with building and industry, held its first meeting on December 2. Its report, although dated May, 1950, was made public only last month.

The original reasons for the appointment are, at least in part, no longer valid. Building activity in Haifa, at a low in the last quarter of 1949, has considerably increased since the commission was set up, some problems are different, and figures are largely out-dated.

Some Merit

Despite its many shortcomings, however, it constitutes a type of town survey which may well serve as a model for similar investigations in other municipalities. Its statistical material, though largely out-dated, is compiled in an exemplary manner and certainly of "historical" interest. Furthermore, the report deals courageously with some problems which are country-wide, e.g. with the question of "key money." It

is unrealistic, the report says, to condemn "key money" as "illegal" when it is today an "economic necessity," and it is illegal to do so, while the Government itself is collecting income tax from 50 percent of the "key money" received by the builder. The Commission advocates the abolition of the prohibition of "key money" and its complete release from income tax so as to make it a complete contribution by the tenant towards the increased building costs.

Haifa Branches

While these recommendations may be expected to cause some heated arguments, there will be wide-spread approval for the demand that those Ministries mainly concerned with industrial development should establish offices in Haifa and empower them to do a lot — within the framework of major policy — with all those current questions which at present require the personal attendance of business and industrialists in Jerusalem or Hakirya. Over-centralization and the lack of delegation of powers to regional offices is one of the major bottle-necks in industrial development, and the question of "key money" is

Commission deserves congratulations on its outspoken stand and lucid arguments. No post office has yet been established in Haifa's industrial zone, no phones are available for new enterprises and this has an adverse effect on development.

Finally, the proposal to establish a municipal office for the encouragement of investment and for rendering assistance to investors by supplying them with local data required, should be carried out as soon as possible. The Commission has done well to add to its report translations explaining the working of such municipal offices in certain American cities. It is material that should be carefully read by the members of Haifa's new town administration due to be established as a result of the elections.

Shortages Slow Haifa

HAIFA, Monday. — The shortage and irregular delivery of raw material are hampering industrial production here.

Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. recently had to suspend production because of lack of essential imported chemicals. Seventy workers had to be dismissed, and agriculture was affected by the re-

16 Fellowships Given To Israelis

Sixteen Israelis have so far been granted fellowships for study in the U.S. through the "Fellowship Scheme for Professional Workers from Overseas" supported by the National Council of Jewish Women in New York. They include nine social workers, three nurses, two kindergarten teachers, one occupational therapist and one teacher for defective children.

Four of the students are now completing their courses, three are in their second year of studies, while nine have just arrived in the U.S.

The fellowships are intended for women. Men are accepted only in exceptional cases. Transportation, maintenance for two years, and a small monthly fee are provided by the Council.

The National Council is represented in Israel by the Director of the Joint Distribution Committee. From whom prospective candidates may obtain further information.

Industrial Production

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Meanwhile, the Or-Is electric bulb factory here is practically at a standstill for a time as a result of lack of materials. For some time the factory which employed 30 workers and turned out 2,700 bulbs a day has been slowing down production to avoid closing entirely.



Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-1. 2-6: Newly Acquired Etchings, Water Colours, Oils by various artists. Art Fair, 341 Jaffa Road.

8-1. 2-6: Baisan: Exhibition of Posters by A. Ganes, London. Also: Selected Paintings and Sculptures from Museum's collection. 1000-year-old Hellenistic Amphora, found at the bottom of the sea near Caesarea; Bezael Museum.

10-1. 4-7: Exhibition of paintings by Jean David, Emmanuel Gras & Josephine Gruen. House of David King David Hotel.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Exhibition of Paintings by Chaim Glikberg, "Art to a Purpose" by Lewitt-Him; Tel Aviv Museum.

7.30 & 9.45 p.m.: "Crossword"; Li-La-Lo Theatre, Yasha Heftus Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "British Spirit"; Chamber Theatre, Moshav Hall.

HAIFA

8-1. 8-30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library, Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gidat.

10-1. 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Haasan Shmuel St.

5-8: Exhibition of plans for the development of Tiberias sea-shore; Technion, 47 Haifa.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG GIRL

A young girl was outstanding at the "North" tournament at Kfar Yeheskiel on Saturday, reaching a deadlock with Balfouria and Kfar Yeheskiel could not improve on the one-all full-time score, even after extra time. The trophy will therefore be held by the host team, Kfar Yeheskiel, for six months and Balfouria for the remainder of the year.

IN THE PRELIMINARY PLAY-OFFS

Balfouria beat Hefziba 4-1; Kfar Yeheskiel defeated Ein Harod-Tel Yosef by 1-0; and Israel gained a win over Afikim by 2-1. The three winners from 22 Hapoel branches contested the events. Lea Hurvitz, Kleinman took the long jump with a leap of 5.00 metres.

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Ramat Gan's D. Klash was not to be outshone and gained two victories too—the shot-put with 13.94 metres and the discus throw, 37.78 metres.

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THE end of the Mandate and of drilling for oil in the Negev coincided. Well's were interrupted half-way, new plans jettisoned, and OIL IN and there is no sign of a fresh start.

Along the Mediterranean shore-line and in the Negev as far as the 30th Parallel, and near Sodom on the Dead Sea, the Mandatory Government granted 31 oil-prospecting licences, all but two of them to a subsidiary of the Iraq Petroleum Company. The two at Sodom went to the "Jordan Exploration Company," a subsidiary of Palestine Potash Ltd. What little drilling it did with the means at its disposal suggests that it might be worth going on. In effect, then, practically all rights over what is now Israel were conceded to an organization which controls, without fully exploiting, the vast supplies of oil in Iraq and on the Persian Gulf, and entered Palestine not so much to find new sources as to bar competitors who might strike oil and, having access to Mediterranean ports, might undersell it. It is perhaps early to determine Israel's attitude towards the pre-existing claims, with all their political implications, but it might not be out of place now to ask that the researches begun be completed on a purely ad hoc basis, without prejudice to any future grant of concessions.

To discover oil and market it on the grand scale, there is no escaping the indispensability of foreign capital. Drilling is laborious and expensive. At Huleikat, for instance, the drillers were due to go down to 10,000 feet, yet by the time Arab-Israel hostilities broke out they had got no deeper than 3,300; and elsewhere not beyond preliminary soundings. There is no factual proof yet or disproof of oil in Israel: the general geological symptoms are hopeful but must be confirmed by a great deal of experiment. Even then, finding oil is not to say that it can be handled profitably, for the quantity may be limited or the local geology too difficult. We cannot ourselves pour millions into surveys and boreholes and not be certain of dividends. What funds we possess must be applied first to expanding agricultural and industrial production and building houses. Digging for oil is too hazardous a proposition for us at present, and we should be frank about it, but at least we can limit the field of consideration to Jewish companies who will be ready to match their private capital with Government investment. When the Billion Dollar drive begins to bear fruit, some millions of it could be used to advantage in a partnership of that kind, either to find oil or to make sure, once for all, that there is none.

COMMUNISM USED TO FIGHT FRENCH Vietminh Nationalists Look to U.N.

By Michael Davidson

HANOI

V I E T M I N H nationalists whom I have talked with this week believe there is still a way out of the Indo-China dilemma which could be accepted by the non-communist majority of the rebel movement even if the communist minority which controls the movement would almost certainly reject it.

They seem confident that should this project look like succeeding the great majority of nationalists — the French estimate that 80 per cent of Vietminh is non-communist — could be detached from the Marxist core. But they insist that they are speaking only for themselves: communication with the nationalist leaders is at the moment too lengthy a business to know just what they are thinking or to sound out their feelings on these proposals.

The unalterable premise from which the idea proceeds remains, of course, the departure of the French; my friends doggedly contend that they would rather live even under communism — Vietnam communism — than under French rule. Unless the French go, Vietminh will continue fighting indefinitely, they say; and they are quite confident, now that China can help and now that the frontier is open for the free passage of trained Vietnamese battalions and equipment, that Vietminh can win in the long run even if the French get many more American weapons.

U.N. Aid

It is felt that at this moment the U.N. could put pressure on France: she is in such a dangerous predicament in Indo-China and so dependent on American help that possibly U.N. could persuade her, by argument or political pressure, to withdraw voluntarily — rather as Britain withdrew from Palestine, but with one vital



French commandos covering the retreat to Hanoi captured an over-eager Vietminh carrying a communist flag. Express Radio Photo

difference.

My friends want the French withdrawal neither to create a vacuum nor leave the country open to communist engulfment: it would be followed by a request by Vietminh with Vietminh, nominally and internationally the Vietminh leader, is a nationalist first and a communist second. They point to his whole career of "liberation" — his struggle against the Japanese and his association with Chiang Kai Shek when the Kuomintang was a liberating movement; and they repeat what has been said so often, that it is French policy which has driven Ho further into the arms of Moscow communism. Today he has no alternative but to rely upon the Chinese communists.

Communism or Nationalism

That, for what it is worth, is a private Vietminh view: all would depend on French realism, on U.N. tact and circumspect competence, and on the soundness of the theory that the Vietminh nationalists are fighting the French and nothing else. If

are fighting solely to oust the French, not to introduce communism. They say, too, that they are convinced that Ho Chi-minh himself, still demanding "real" independence and Bao-Dai's rather timid acquiescence in the principle of that declaration.

"Real independence" remains the clue to a solution of the Indo-China problem, as it has been for years; my Vietminh friends predict "considerable conflict" between Ho Chi-minh and his Politbureau colleagues once it has been achieved.

But they also insist on this: if some such solution is not found, based absolutely upon French withdrawal, Vietminh will win the battle in the end and the country will go communist — and rightfully, they add, "if it was communist leadership which drove the French out." And not many Vietnamese fear communism, they say: they have not much to lose, anyway.

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vice after this period of service in the Police?

Yours, etc.,
VICTOR POLITI
Haifa, September 15.

Defence Ministry's Reply

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In answer to Victor PolitI we have to inform you that according to information received from the Manpower Sections of the Army and the Defence Ministry no change has occurred regarding Police men's service in the army as published.

Service in the Police Force will be regarded as military service only in respect of these persons sent to the Police through the Army Recruiting Office.

Yours, etc.,
Public Relations Section
Defence Ministry

Hakirya, November 8.

Dan's Opinion

Sir, — We do not consider that the introduction of bus conductors ("clippies") will solve the problem of speeding up the movement in the very crowded situation nowadays. We have, however, introduced in many stations the selling of tickets before the passengers board the buses. It is our intention to add as many selling stations as possible, but this question is related to another proposal which will also speed up the journey — the proposal of levelling up the fares and reducing the number of tariffs in the city.

This question is under consideration by Government authorities and the Municipality and we hope that a solution will be found in the near future.

Yours, etc.,
DAN MANAGEMENT
Tel Aviv, Oct. 20.

MILITARY SERVICE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — One basic reason for Tel Aviv's inadequate bus service is the long time wasted in selling tickets, amounting to about 50 percent of the time taken for the actual run.

If this time were cut down to 10 per cent, it would mean a saving of 40 per cent on each run, in other words four buses would have been added to every 10 running on one line!

This can be done by a simple device made use of in the world over: the introduction of bus conductors ("clippies"). The general speed-up will not only save millions of man-hours, but will be most beneficial to passengers' and drivers' convenience.

Yours, etc.,
B. KOMAROVSKY

Haifa, November 17.

TOWN CLERK's Reply

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The situation has worsened because these houses are now much more crowded than when they were occupied by Arabs. Also the new tenants use a larger quantity of water than that used by their predecessors. Therefore the sewage installation from the days of the Arab population is not sufficient for the needs of the present inhabitants.

This property comes under the power of the Custodian of Absentees' Property, who to our regret fail to comply with the many requests of the Mayor and the various other clerks from this office, and to the many demands to carry

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